

## Christians Together in Paignton

### Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Preston Baptist Church

#### **1. Welcome & Opening Devotions**

Lorna Sylvester – Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read from Psalm 8 and a prayer.

#### **2. Apologies**

There were 22 people in attendance (including 8 non CTIP representatives) with 2 apologies,

#### **3. Minutes of AGM held on 24 January 2013**

The minutes were agreed and signed, Proposed David Hughes, Seconded David Butler.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Haven update – Going very well, now 6 teams from different churches, usually have 9-11 people dropping in, there were 14 on the previous day.

#### **5. Report from The Executive**

Lorna Sylvester gave the report (see attached on file) highlighting the many events which had taken place throughout the year, everyone at the meeting was asked if they had any special memories of 2013, among these – Advent service at St Paul's Preston, Palace Avenue carol service, Fifth Sundays – nice to go to other Churches and see different ways of doing things.

#### **6. Proposal from The Executive to amend the Constitution**

Ron Edinborough talked us through the proposals and the reasons for the amendments. This was to ensure we fit the criteria as a charitable organisation for the Inland Revenue. Ron proposed that we accept the amendments to the Constitution, seconded by Revd Gilly Maude. Everyone present at the meeting agreed to accept the proposal which will now be formalised as the new Constitution. David Butler proposed thanks to Ron for all his hard work on this project.

#### **7a. Election of Officers**

Chair	Lorna Sylvester	prop: Trish Worlledge	second: Carol Marder
Vice Chair	No nominations at present		
Treasurer	Ron Edinborough	prop: Lorna Sylvester	second: David Hughes
Secretary	Trish Worlledge	prop: Lorna Sylvester	second: Gilly Maude
Publicity	Carol Marder	prop: Lorna Sylvester	second: Jean Worth
CTID	Mary Ann James	prop: Lorna Sylvester	second: David Butler

The Executive to consist of the Elected Officers and Major Denise Brine was re-elected

#### **7b. Group Representatives**

Auditor	To be arranged by Treasurer & Executive
Women's World Day of Prayer	Team organises as previously – Margaret Clifford to liaise
Christian Aid	Carol Marder
CAFOD	Michael Fay
Hamelin	Debbie Trewern

All were elected unanimously.

## **8. Reports**

### **Treasurer**

Ron Edinborough gave his report - see attached on file. The accounts have been looked at & signed by a local church treasurer (Ron has signed copy for the records). No subscriptions/contributions had been collected in 2013 and it was proposed by Ron that they remain at £30.00 per church per annum, seconded Gilly Maude. All present agreed with this. David Butler proposed that the accounts be accepted, seconded by Colin Smith. Thanks were given to Ron for all his hard work.

### **Hameln**

Trish read out an email from Debbie Trewern the Torbay Churches – Hameln representative. The exchange visit will take place in Torbay 12-18 April 2014 incl. More host families are needed for this event and we are asked to publicise this within our churches.

### **Christian Aid**

Carol Marder presented the report – see attached on file.

The chairman expressed her thanks to Carol for her hard work.

### **CAFOD**

No report received due to illness

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

Margaret Clifford informed us that the date this year is Friday 7 March at 11.00am Winner St Baptist Church and 7.30pm Goodrington Methodist Church.

### **Lent Groups**

Rev. Paula Mayer is arranging and providing leaflets.

## **9. Review of Fifth Sundays**

People have found it works well to include the CTIP business within the services; they have been interesting and useful. There will not be a usual fifth Sunday service on 30 March as this coincides with the Torbay Street Pastors Commissioning Service. Everyone is invited to attend to show support.

## **10. Future Events**

**Easter** – Possibility of having a stall in Victoria Street 10.30-12.30 giving out free hot cross buns to explain what Easter is all about. This idea was well received; we can get cards from the Diocese of Exeter and also Gerston Chapel use napkins for their hot cross buns with information printed on them.

### **Week of accompanied Prayer**

Possibly in May (date & venue to be arranged). Trained confidential prayer guides available to meet on a one to one basis, rather like a retreat guide. It would be open to all denominations at times to suit the individual throughout the week. There may be a small cost involved to cover travel etc. It was suggested that the Churches from Torquay may be interested.

### **Leonard Stocks Centre closure threat and protest – Nick Pannell (speaker)**

Nick is the Chair of the Friends of Factory Row. He gave a background history to the centre with the Christian commitment. The project has been supported for 25 years by Paignton Churches and now due to Mayoral proposed cuts, there is a risk that it will close. This provides a very valuable service and has done a lot of very good work helping the less fortunate in society. Nick said that we need a Call to Action; we need to do something as a Christian Community. We need to pray for guidance & wisdom within the Mayoral and Council chambers. A Call to Prayer will be held on Sunday 26 January at 12.30pm at Castle Circus outside the Town Hall. It is hoped that with prayer and lobbying of the Council that these proposed cuts will be reversed. Everyone is invited to attend and pray for this important project.

## **11. Any Other Business**

David Wotton asked –“as we have amended the Constitution, is the time now right for The Executive to review or update the Ecumenical Covenant”?

## **12. Date of next Annual General Meeting 18 January 2015**